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there, at the top of the second column, that a remainder interest in your personal home or farm, a remainder interest is one that passes to a beneficiary after...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...the end of an earlier interest in the property. The example is, you get to keep the right to live in your home during your lifetime, and give your church a remainder interest that begins upon your death. So in fact, under these kinds of unitrusts, you can, in a sense, have your cake and eat it, too, because you can remain in your home, or remain on your farm, and enjoy it during the rest of your lifetime, but see that it passes on to a charity in future years. And I have pushed my button, so I will explain the other handouts on unitrusts later. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. First of all, I am in favor of charitable giving. Realistically, I am. But I have to look at it in respect to, you know, what is this going to do, you know, to the taxpayers of the state of Nebraska? We are continually reminded of shortfalls, we need to raise taxes, we need to do something, you know, to keep the programs going. This bill, LB 28, you know, is going to cost...well, realistically, it's not going to cost the state anything; it's not going to bring in the revenue that was anticipated, the \$5 million. Another issue that I have is, you know, the administrative part of it, to start with, with the commission, \$300,000-some for that. Who and what group is going to be responsible to make up this \$5 million-plus? That is a very much of a concern of mine. Is that going to have to come at the expense of possibility of broadening the sales tax base down the road a little bit, you know, to make up for that portion? Are we going to have to tax the average common worker, you know, a little bit to take care of this, because someone, you know, has made a charitable contribution, and that he's going to get a credit or a benefit from it? I think, you know, they can make these charitable givings. They can do this. They